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"50 Years of Conservation in Montana"

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Yogo Inn, Lewistown

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MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

ANNUAL CONVENTION
Nov. 3-5, 1985
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SUNDAY, Nov. 3

Resolutions Committee Meeting
Finance Committee Meeting
Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana Meeting
Employees Association Workshop
Board of Directors Meeting
Registration
Soil Conservation Service Anniversary
Speaker: Glen Loomis, State Conservationist, SCS
MACD Past President Recognition

MONDAY, Nov. 4

TUESDAY, Nov. 5

Directors Breakfast
Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast
Registration
Water Issues, Part II
 Water Rights Problems - Eugene Manley, Granite County Water Users
 Judith Basin Lawsuit - John R. Christensen, Attorney, Stanford
 Water Policy Committee - Senator Jack Galt
 Stream Access - Senator Jack Galt & Jim Flynn, DFW&P
 Update of Water Adjudication - Linda Hickman, Water Courts

TUESDAY, Nov. 5

Luncheon

"50 Years of Conservation -"Past/Present/Future"

Master of Ceremonies - Larry Barber

Invocation

Newsletter Awards - Herb Karst

Goodyear Awards - Jack Carrier

Panel:

Ron Jackson, MACD

Larry Fasbender, DNRC

Glen Loomis, SCS

Business Session - Ron Jackson Presiding

Reading of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report - Gladys Hippe

MACD Report - Dave Donaldson

President's Report - Ron Jackson

Ladies Auxiliary Report - Dodie Teigen

Bridger PMC Report - John Vanisko

NACD Councilman Report - Dale Marxer

Northern Plains Regional Directors Report - Robert Raschke

National Director's Report - John Vanisko

SCS Report - Glen Loomis

DNRC Report - Ray Beck

Ag in Montana Schools - Connie Townsend

Montana Salinity Control Association - Jane Holzer

Insurance Report - Frank Valgenti

Budget

Resolutions

1986 Meeting Location

Banquet - "The Next 50 Years"

Master of Ceremonies - Taylor Brown

Invocation

Supervisor Awards

President's Award - Ron Jackson

Drawings

Door Prize - Frank Valgenti & Associates

Entertainment - Sounds of Joy

Speaker: Buell Ferguson, Assistant Chief, SCS
Washington, D. C.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 6

Board of Directors & Committee Chairmen Meeting

Review of Resolutions

BUSINESS SESSION

The 44th annual meeting of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. on November 5, 1985, at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, Montana with Ron Jackson, President, presiding.

The financial report was given by Gladys Hippe. There was a motion and a second to accept this report.
Motion carried.

Financial Report

Balance in all funds, November 1, 1985	\$14,485.28
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Receipts:

MACD Dues 1984	\$ 4,737.00
MACD Dues 1985	41,752.66
PMC Dues 1984	75.00
PMC Dues 1985	1,400.00
Ladies Aux. Pins	125.00
Lee Jones Endowment Fund	65.00
Insurance Program	2,800.00
Associate Memberships	1,050.00
Interest on Savings	2,176.35
Reimburse for Travel	954.00
Montana Wool Growers	125.00
Convention Receipts	5,869.00
Meagher Co. Grant	2,000.00
St. Mt. Reimbursement	<u>69.78</u>
	\$63,198.79
	\$78,044.07

Disbursements:

Telephone	\$2,228.29
Postage	1,930.73
Printing	1,479.22
Supplies	718.97
Repair Typewriter	79.00
Rent	2,292.00
Convention Expenses	5,623.38
Officers & Directors Exp.	14,322.38
Exec. Vice President Exp.	3,888.46
NACD Dues	375.00
Awards	100.00
Endowment Fund	65.00
<u>Salaries</u>	20,050.14
Dave Donaldson	\$13,913.83
Doris Van Voast	\$6,136.31

<u>Employee Benefits</u>	2,053.76
IRS \$1,422.16	
Workers Comp. \$120.63	
Employment Security Div. \$510.97	
<u>Contingency Fund</u>	<u>5,391.46</u>
Legislative Exp. \$726.98	
Taxes \$58.96	
Income Tax Filing \$50	
Wildlife Fed. \$100	
MT Stockgrowers \$215.64	
Park Plaza Hotel \$112.35	
AG in MT Schools \$100	
Great Falls Tribune \$71.75	
D. Donaldson-Mis. \$69.78	
Meagher Co. RTD Grant \$2,000	
W. Milliron \$391.00	
N. Plains Area Door Prize \$20	
SWCD \$1,475.00	
	<u>\$60,657.79</u>
	<u>\$17,386.28</u>

Balance in all Funds, November 1, 1985

S. Now Acct.	\$10,308.87	<u>Endowment Fund</u>
M.M. Certificates	5,641.31	Nov. 1, 1984 - \$2,964.25
Bank Acct.	1,436.10	Donations - 265.00
		Interest - 255.00
		Balance November 1, 1985 \$3,484.25

MACD REPORT - Dave Donaldson

As many of you know, I've been in the position of executive vice president for just over a year now. I've experienced a lot. I would like to thank the conservation districts for all the experiences I've gained in the last year, the relationships I've developed and the people I've met. One of the most important things I've gained over the past year as executive vice president is a strong belief that there is a need for conservation effort on the land. As the position went along, I saw my role of executive vice president as my avenue to contribute to the conservation effort.

I would like to report to you on four areas specifically. The four areas that I would like to discuss are: the executive vice president position; legislature; budget; and working with other agencies.

I feel the definition for the executive is: First--to be that common voice for the conservation districts, other agencies, people involved in the conservation effort. Second--to keep the board, conservation districts, and the other agencies informed of all the conservation issues going both ways. And third--to bring

out inefficiencies that might be in the association or problems that might come up so that the board can react and act on the problems that might come up.

I've come up with many ideas in the past year and suggestions and things that I think could help.

In the past year, to give you an idea of what the executive did, I was able to visit 30 districts in the last six months. I was able to send out about twice as many letters or information to keep you informed and also was able to start a Monday morning report to keep the legislation up to date in the districts.

Some of these ideas include: There should be a more effective communication system that may include a conference calling system. Send out a more comprehensive newsletter maybe sent out half as much. And maybe a more effective meeting schedule.

Another idea is to make the office in Helena a lot more efficient. Right now it is very inefficient. I think there is a need to mechanize by using computers to make the office work faster to get the information out to the districts. Also I have researched a few ideas on other office situations that could be considered. These ideas would save a lot of money for the conservation districts and association. It would make the conservation district dollar work a lot harder for the districts.

The second area I would like to talk about is the legislation. This is of course very important to the conservation districts. The legislature does provide the conservation dollar to the conservation districts. To be effective in the legislature, we have to develop a strong policy and have the ability to react in a timely manner. I felt I did a pretty good job at the legislature. We had 14 resolutions that directed legislation of some sort or another. Ten of those were passed. Two of those were done in another fashion. And two were not passed through no fault of our own. I'll be the first to admit that I made mistakes at the legislature. Some of the things I think we need to look at are: we cannot poll districts during the session. It takes too much time to get responses back. We cannot do a lot of consulting with board members, executive committees, or presidents to get direction or to talk to somebody. These things take too long and we need to have a quick response to a question that might come up or need a position real fast. A lot of this stuff could be done before the session.

To be an effective lobbyist, the lobbyist has to have the latitude to act. He must be honest and fair to all in the legislature including legislators, other organizations, ag organizations and agencies. They must be willing to give and take on all issues that come up.

This brings me to a third area. Working with the ag community. As we and the ag community are probably aware, the ag community is getting weaker all the time. And each ag group within that community, is extremely weak. We need to work together as ag groups to achieve the agriculture goals that are needed in this state. We cannot do it by ourselves.

The fourth area I would like to talk about is the limited resources that we have in this association. As will be mentioned later, the \$70,000 budget is not a lot of money to be working on. With that limited resource of money, I think there is a need to prioritize the things we want to get done in the association and disburse the budget accordingly. As you will see later, a little less than one-third of the budget is going to travel expenses for the executive vice president and the officers and directors. I question if this is a wise use of the association money. I also do not believe that the executive vice president should be expected to subsidize his expenses on travels in and out of the state. I am concerned about the future of the association.

This summer, after the session, and while the dust was settling, I promised myself a couple things. Actually, one was to reinforce one promise I made early. It was to improve the organization in some way. Even if it was just a little bit, I wanted to do something to make it better.

The second thing was that I would not leave the association and put someone through the same thing as I went through when I started the position. I was trained for an hour and on the job an hour before I went to area meetings. I was on the job for two months before I started the legislative session. I made that promise after the session. I would never do that to somebody else.

Due to some of the things that I brought out in this discussion, and some of the concerns I have personally, I will be resigning effective January 1, 1986. In the next two months that I have here with the association, I want to work real hard on getting the resolutions rolling so that the next executive vice president can flow into them real easy. I want to finish an annual plan of work that I have started. This would include a monthly description of tasks that need to be done each month, including convention, area meetings, other meetings that will be needed, legislative action that will be needed to take prior to the legislature, whether it be letters or drafting bills etc. I plan to finish organizing the office. When I stepped into that office, it was a little bit of a mess. I would also like to train, or be available to train, the new person for a couple weeks.

I would like to thank the association for all the benefits I have received; they are many and I could list them for a long time. I hope to see the conservation district effort continue. I will, hopefully, someday, because of my personal belief in the conservation effort to be involved as a supervisor or hopefully be

a land owner. I don't know if that will ever happen, but maybe I'll be a landowner and I'll be able to practice these conservation efforts on my own. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ron Jackson

Ron thanked Dave and wished him well in the future. He said they will take a look at the suggestions he has made.

Our first item of business after the convention last year was an executive committee meeting in December to make plans for the upcoming legislature and get the resolutions to go to NACD prepared and mailed.

Legislature was quite successful as far as maintaining our funding for districts and supporting funding for agriculture. A strengthened weed law is enacted and MACD was a strong supporter. John Teigen was appointed to the weed advisory board. We now have on board a state weed coordinator--Celestine Lacey. We do expect here to devoid the state of all weeds. Our one sour note in the legislature was the involvement of supervisors in the stream access.

In February, NACD convention was held in Honolulu, Hawaii and was very well attended by Montana supervisors and their wives. One highlight of their convention was the honoring of Senator John Melcher, recipient of the distinguished service award from NACD. Senator Melcher's name was placed in competition for this award by MACD because of his tireless support of conservation. We were very proud to have him receive it. After the convention, John and Dodie Teigen, Bobbie and I went on a five-day conservation tour of four of the islands. The tour was hosted by the local conservation districts and we were able to see the agriculture of the islands at a birdseye view. This was not financed by MACD, this was on our own.

In early spring, we held a joint meeting with the Corps of Engineers to find out why the proposed statewide permit was not moving along as expected. We found the Corps was not interested in continuing with the permit system as had been proposed because of some criticism expressed to our congressional delegates by two districts. It would seem that after all the work by MACD and the Corps to come up with a workable system that it would not be discarded so easy. I am not sure that this is the real reason for their sudden lack of interest.

In late April, Donaldson, Beck, Teigen, and I made our annual trek to Washington, D.C. to visit with many agencies and lobby for the SCS budget. While there, we attended the 50th anniversary celebration of SCS and attend some of the NACD board meetings. We also attended the dedication of the Jeanette Rankin statue in the rotunda of the nation's capital. One is never sure how much we accomplished by going to Washington, D.C., but I feel that the contacts that we make there are well worth the effort.

During June, we held our spring board meeting at Fairmont Hotsprings in conjunction with the range seminars sponsored by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks on their Mount Hagen ranch in Anaconda. Gus Hormay is in charge of planning their grazing system and Fish, Wildlife and Parks is studying the compatibility of livestock and game. It was very interesting to listen to Gus speak and observe what they are doing on Mount Hagen game range. I would like to thank the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for their hospitality. The spring board meeting was very well attended and I would congratulate the board members and committee chairpersons for making this a very workable meeting.

In early July, John and Dodie Teigen, John Vanisko, and Bobbie and I were at Big Sky to meet the new chief of the SCS, Wilson Stanley. Wilson is from Texas, runs a cow/calf/yearling operation and should put a little different perspective on the thinking of the SCS that will be a little more compatible to us in the West.

The Great Plains regional meeting was in Lincoln, Nebraska in late July with Vanisko, Marxer, Teigen, Jackson, Beck, Kaiser in attendance. Ray was on the program and did a commendable job in his presentation.

Late August saw John Teigen and I on our way to Columbus, Ohio to attend the NACD leadership conference. This is the one meeting that I feel that we wasted our money by going to. It is very similar to the regional meeting, while we were expecting inspirational leadership material to be presented.

The area meetings started in late September, beginning at Glasgow in area I. The traveling group for the first week consisted of Donaldson, Beck, Husby, Gooby, Holzer, Lacey, Peterson, and me. Next to Glendive for area II, and then to Big Timber for area IV. The topics were interesting and the discussion lively and the food excellent, which makes for very good times. Many resolutions were discussed--some passed, and some were killed. This lays the groundwork for a good convention. The second week, Loomis took Gooby's place and Thomas took Husby's place. We travelled to Choteau for area II, Lubrecht Forest for area V, and Ennis for area VI. The second week saw many more water resolutions which we need to determine some policy on water for NACD. I would like to congratulate the host districts for doing a good job of hosting the area meetings. This pretty well sums up my activities for the year. I would like to add that I have enjoyed being your president for the past two years and look forward to working with John in whatever capacity he desires for the next couple of years.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - Dodie Teigen

Dodie reported that she represented the MACD auxiliary in Honolulu, Hawaii in February 1985. She carried the state of Montana's flag in the parade of state flags. How to be a better state president, soil stewardship, and conservation education were among items discussed at a luncheon she attended. Vice presidents

are to be kept informed of the presidents activities so the transition of incoming presidents will go smoother. At the business meeting, Renie Adams, California, was elected president; Caroline Ogsby, Mississippi, was elected vice president; and Mary Gobb, South Dakota, was elected secretary-treasurer. (I'm guessing on the spelling of these names) After the convention, she attended a conservation tour. The tour group was treated to flowers, delicious native dishes, and hospitality plus.

She also reported on the Washington, D.C. trip where she attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Soil Conservation Service and the unavailing of the Jeanette Rankin statue. Also, she attended a reception in the senate caucus room.

In Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Northern Plains Regional Meeting, the auxiliary had a hospitality booth for the first time. While in Nebraska, she attended tours set up by the Northern Plains Resource Districts, chaired a business meeting, and attended various functions. Also, for the first time, the auxiliary had a money-making project. This was a raffle of a handmade quilt, which was won by Steve Meyer.

The auxiliary also raffled handmade items at the convention in Lewistown.

PLANT MATERIALS CENTER REPORT - John Vanisko

During 1985, the Bridger PMC planted and evaluated 4,150 different plants. These evaluations were made at four locations--Bridger PMC; Rock Springs, Wyoming; Greybull, Wyoming; and Missoula, Montana.

Purpose of these plantings was to find better adapted and more productive plants for reclaiming mined lands, improving forage production on rangelands, saline seep reclamation and for windbreaks and shelterbelts.

Three thousand, three hundred fifty pounds of foundation seed of seven different released varieties of grasses and legumes were produced. This seed is sent to seed growers, principally in Montana and Wyoming, to grow certified seed. Seedgrowers in Montana grew an estimated 214,000 pounds of certified seed from foundation seed of varieties developed at Bridger PMC. Wyoming growers produced 130,000 pounds of certified seed of these same varieties.

An additional 1,350 pounds of seed was grown at Bridger PMC and shipped to conservation districts in 1984 for field plantings. These plantings evaluate the usefulness of new plants under actual use conditions on farms and ranches.

The PMC produced and shipped 3,500 trees and shrubs for testing in windbreaks, shelterbelts, and wildlife plantings.

During 1984, seed and plants were shipped to 179 cooperators. So far in 1985, 137 shipments have been made.

Contracts for growing breeders or foundation grain--Montana State University:

1. Norwin winterwheat--produced approximately 300 bushels. MSU has picked up this grain. Contract-- \$1.50 per hundred weight above the highest market price between harvest and January 1, 1985.
2. Barley contract may be signed with MSU in 1986.

Hay: Hay and straw aftermath from seed harvest is in the stack and will be advertised for sale in December or January.

Landscaping: Work on the landscape plan for the area around the office building was continued. In addition to the construction of split rail fencing, foundation plantings of junipers around the office building and signs, planting of shade and ornamental trees completed last year, the office building has been repainted and decorative bark placed beneath the junipers.

Tours:

1. Bridger Cub Scouts
2. Columbus Garden Club
3. Cody and Powell, Wyoming Conservation Districts
4. SCS personnel from northeastern Wyoming.
5. High Altitude revegetation tour
6. Northwest Community College Forages Class, Powell, WY
7. Numerous other small groups and individual farmers and ranchers

Fields 15-19 (20 acres) were land leveled to repair the August 1, 1984 flood damage. A diversion ditch and grass waterway was constructed on the east and south side of these fields to help protect them should flooding occur in the future.

Plans are underway to rebuild the fences around the perimeter of the PMC.

Funding for printing of a revised bulletin on Production of Grass Seed in Montana and Wyoming was obtained from Wyoming Extension Service and Montana 223 funds. The bulletin should be ready for distribution this fall.

COUNCILMAN'S REPORT - Dale Marxer

At the national convention in Hawaii, the council had several resolutions from Montana. They all passed--some were combined with other resolutions that had been presented by other states, and some were already policy. But they were all accepted.

In July, Mr. Marxer attended the Northern Plains Regional meeting where the council met and reelected John Vanisko for another three-year term.

Mr. Marxer is no longer a director for area III. Herb Karst has taken his place. Mr. Marxer has been a director for ten years and felt that it was time for a change. Also, he will no longer be the councilman, Ron Jackson was elected to take his place. Marxer thanked everyone for all the support he has received as director, officer, and councilman of this association. He has enjoyed working with everyone. He advised everyone to make a new mailing list with the changes of the board of directors.

NORTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Bob Raschke

Mr. Raschke thanked the Montana conservation districts for their support in resolving conservation issues and with the SCS budget cuts. Montana conservation districts and the state association were effective in joining other districts and state associations in passing bills through the house and senate to keep the same level of funding for SCS for 1986. He did say, however, that congress is still in session and they are not completely out of danger of losing some funding.

Right now they are trying to get the '85 farm bill passed by 1986. There will be sodbuster-type legislation in this bill and also swampbuster provision, which is for the protection of wetlands. There will also be a conservation reserve section in the farm bill, which is something that conservation districts have been asking for for years.

There has been some discussion of changing the bylaws of NACD. These changes will provide for a change of terms of office for president and vice president from two-year terms with the eligibility to serve another two-year term to one term of three years only. Also, it would also remove the office of past president, which currently is carried as a position on the executive committee.

He invited everyone to attend the national convention in Nashville, Tennessee on February 2-6, 1986.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT - John Vanisko

Mr. Vankisko stressed the importance of getting to know your directors and legislators--on the state and national level and to keep the lines of communication open to them. He used the prayer bill and the farm bill as an extreme contrast between good communication and poor communication with legislators. People concerned over the prayer bill created quite a lot of mail and the farm bill created hardly any. So his message was clear--that everyone should keep communicating their ideas to their local, state, and federal representatives.

SCS REPORT - Glen Loomis

Mr. Loomis stressed the need to emphasize erosion on cropland, and to continue to look at ways to get more conservation tillage adopted. We also need to continue to develop water management on the ground, more rangeland management, saline seep. A tool to help manage these resources is to complete the soil survey. Montana has 55 percent of soils mapped, leaving 45 million acres to be mapped. Montana needs to continue to push to get the soil survey mapping completed.

Another thing he stressed is conservation planning. The SCS has developed a conservation planning report. This is sort of a blue print to be used as a tool for planning conservation measures. It outlines objectives (what the landowner wants to accomplish), inventories (info needed to serve these objectives), alternatives (cost effective alternatives), implementation (what is on the ground).

The SCS is developing the Field Office Computer System (FOCUS) and passed out handouts outlining the progress as far as computer purchases. The contract allows SCS and cooperating agencies to purchase computers that are compatible with each other. Data developed will be stored at the county level.

DNRC REPORT - Ray Beck

Ray briefly went over DNRC's funding programs. He mentioned that the ratio of index of prices received to the index of prices paid by the agricultural community are lower now than they were in the '30s--their lowest point on record. This is having an impact on funding programs.

He stated that the next meeting to review the 223 applications would follow the director's business meeting and he encouraged all applicants to attend to provide information on their projects. He said the spring meeting would be in March 1986, with a deadline of February 15, 1986.

All administrative funds have been expended for this year and applications will be taken starting June 1986 for the funds that will be available in August 1986.

He reported that DNRC has \$39,000 for riparian management projects and \$90,000 for water reservations. There is \$250,000 available in the Rangeland Resource Improvement Program. He said that applications for the RRD program and Water Development Program, which CD's have done well with in the past, will be due June 1986.

CDD is conducting a Range Leader Workshop November 18 and 19 and everyone is encouraged to attend. CDD also held district employee workshops throughout the state, which were well received. The workshops will be held every other year after the legislative

session. Also, CDD is looking into holding new supervisor's workshops and ways for CDs to be more effective in working with the press.

Candy West was present to discuss insurance and supervisor liability. Several CDs have had questions concerning supervisor liability and have questioned whether further legislation might be necessary to insure against personal liability of the individual supervisors. Ms. West reassured everyone that the conservation district itself must indemnify and defend any supervisor who is acting in his official capacity. Supervisors are immune from personal liability as long as they are acting within the scope of their employment so long as the act is not a crime and does not constitute malice, fraud, or oppression. Their liability could not be addressed further in the legislature.

AG IN MONTANA SCHOOLS - Connie Townsend

Ms. Townsend reported on the following six points.

- 1) the fourth grade material is done and distributed--every county should have a resource chest; 2) the Vigilante Players are available to perform at service club meetings, conventions, etc.--contact AG in MT Schools or the Vigilante Players at the Montana State University; 3) Ag in MT Schools lobbied long and hard for HB 815--this allows for a check off on tax forms to contribute to conservation education--the funds are paid directly to the Ag Department and is used for agricultural educational programs; 4) Montana was chosen along with New Jersey to have a film done about ag in the classroom to be used to show other states what can be done with ag in the classroom--the film is being put together by USDA; 5) State Soil--should Montana do this? Gerry Neilson, MSU, asked if Ag in MT Schools would be interested in pursuing this. A group of youngsters would do this; 6) Ms. Townsend expressed her thanks to all CDs for all the support this program has received.

MT SALINITY CONTROL ASSOCIATION - Jane Holzer

The Montana Salinity Control Association was formed in June 1985. It comprises Triangle Conservation District; NE MT Saline Seep Association; and Southern Saline Seep District. It is represented by an executive board of Herb Pasha and Alvin Boxwell (TCD); Pete Purvis and Ellis Hagen (NE MT Saline Seep); and John Zinne and Keith Locke (S Saline Seep) and they meet quarterly with a full board meeting annually. They are funded through the legislature with three different programs--WDP (coal tax), General Fund through CDD, and RIT. She expressed thanks to all supervisors who helped support them during the legislature. They are working on approximately 50 projects, which are in various stages of progress. In addition to the reclamation projects, they have been active in education seminars and workshops. They are working on a Memorandum of Understanding with Saskatchewan--similar to the one they have with Alberta. This would provide information exchange

and personnel across the border. Also, they prepared a paper entitled, Interdisciplinary Approach to Shallow Groundwater Contamination and submitted it to the National Conference on Nonpoint Source Pollution in May 1985.

INSURANCE REPORT - Frank Valgenti

He is in the 10th year in working with the conservation districts. He feels that they have one of the best insurance programs that they have had right now through Blue Cross. There are about 130 people in the program right now. The program is available to cooperators, supervisors, and associate members. As of October 1, 1985 they have paid out \$124,958 in claims and took in \$113,200--a slight loss for 1985. Some changes they are looking into are: chiropractic coverage; age rated coverage; cost containment feature (self audit bills, maternity leave hospital early option, etc); an increase in rates. These changes will be decided on by March 1, 1986. There is a benefit to the Montana Association of Conservation Districts--\$36 of every contract goes to MACD. Mr. Valgenti is available to go to individual CDs to further discuss the insurance plan.

BUDGET-1986 - Dale Marxer

Mr. Marxer presented the following budget. It was moved and seconded to adopt the budget.

MACD Budget - 1986

I.	SALARIES	
a)	Executive Vice President	\$15,500.00
b)	Secretary	6,260.00
c)	Parttime clerical	250.00
d)	Employee benefits	2,500.00
II.	OFFICE	
a)	Rent	2,300.00
b)	Telephone	3,000.00
c)	Supplies	600.00
d)	Repairs	80.00
e)	Postage	1,700.00
f)	Furniture & Equipment	300.00
g)	Printing	1,500.00
III.	TRAVEL	
a)	Executive Vice President	6,500.00
b)	Association Officers	11,000.00
IV.	NACD DUES 375.00	
V.	AWARDS	100.00
VI.	PLANT MATERIAL CENTER	1,475.00
VII.	CONTINGENCY & OTHER MISC. EXPNS.	900.00
VIII.	OPERATIONAL RESERVE	<u>17,386.28</u>
	Total	\$71,726.28

ESTIMATED INCOME

Cash Balance	17,386.28
Plant Material Assessment	1,475.00
Dues 1986	45,000.00
Unpaid 1985 Dues	1,565.00
Associate Membership Dues	1,000.00
Convention Income	500.00
Blue Cross Insurance	2,800.00
Miscellaneous	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$71,726.28

NEXT YEAR'S COVENTION - will be held in Missoula. Motion, second and carried.

RESOLUTIONS

DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Shirley Parrott, Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS the Conservation District brings together the human and natural resources of a community, using self-government to achieve orderly management of both soil and water, while maintaining environmental quality; and

WHEREAS every man, woman and child has a direct interest in, and needs to be informed and concerned about the conservation and preservation of our soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS many Conservation Districts in the State of Montana are unable to carry out an intensive conservation program because of a lack of funds; and

WHEREAS the present one and one half mill levy on real property authorized by the Montana Constitution District Law does not generate adequate funds for many Conservation Districts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts encourage and promote legislation whereby Boards of County Commissioners have the authority to levy a maximum of one and one half mills on personal property within the Conservation Districts, in addition to the present mill levy assessed against real property.

Shirley Parrott moved for the adoption of this resolution.
Seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS supervisors are becoming susceptible to lawsuits; and

WHEREAS all supervisors in the State of Montana are effected.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 2 (continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation District Law be changed to absolve supervisors of all liability.

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Shirley Parrott moved for the adoption of this resolution with a committee recommendation of do not pass. Motion was seconded. Motion Defeated. Resolution killed.

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Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS Montana's Conservation Districts have the responsibility for issuing permits, interpreting regulations and administering land use policies within their respective counties; and

WHEREAS a number of conservation districts own equipment and employ either part or full time employees; and

WHEREAS the conservation districts are legally liable for damage or injury resulting from their decisions and those of their employees as well as damage or injury resulting from faulty equipment; and

WHEREAS liability and errors and omissions insurance coverage is becoming less extensive and more expensive primarily due to successful lawsuits and the insurance companies lack of knowledge as to the type and extent of conservation district activities and related liabilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts initiate action to establish extent of coverage needed and a group rate insurance package for that coverage to include a liability insurance group policy for Conservation Districts.

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Shirley Parrott moved for the adoption of this resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS funding HB 223 proceeds were intended to replace monies appropriated for all Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS Districts in counties west of the divide demonstrate a need beyond their 1.5 mills; and

DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 4 (continued)

WHEREAS it being impossible to phase in projects or have equipment purchases without additional funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funding for Conservation Districts using 1.5 mills be recognized as having a constant need and should receive their equal consideration of HB 223 funding.

Shirley Parrott moved for adoption of this resolution. Motion was seconded. Motion defeated. Resolution failed.

Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS there seems to be confusion on the voting procedures at area and state meetings; and

WHEREAS in the past it seems to be individual supervisors opinions rather than district opinion expressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts amend the bylaws to state that all voting at area and state meetings be one vote per district to assure equal representation.

Shirley Parrott moved for the adoption of this resolution with a committee recommendation of do not pass. Motion was seconded. Motion defeated. Resolution killed.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Bob Schroeder, Acting Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS the RC&D Program, with the sponsorship of Conservation Districts, are located throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS federal funding for the RC&D program has been at a status quo for the last several years and more funding is needed for both technical and financial assistance at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS such funds could speed up the funding of measures waiting to be completed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 1 (continued)

Conservation Districts support an increased level of funding at the federal level for the RC&D program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts forward this resolution, upon its approval, to the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Western RC&D Association.

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Bob Schroeder moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and passed.

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS State Conservationists are aware of the RC&D monies and personnel available as well as RC&D areas within the states.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts, as well as the Western RC&D Association, support and request a change in the ruling in the RC&D Program to give State Conservationists authorization to enlarge boundary areas in existing RC&D areas at the request of such RC&D areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts forward this resolution, upon approval, to the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Western RC&D Association.

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Bob Schroeder moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and passed.

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Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS problems have arisen for the Western RC&D Association in getting their resolutions to the National Association of Conservation Districts for the February meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts and the Western RC&D Association seek better avenues of getting resolutions to the National Association of Conservation Districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts forward this resolution, upon approval, to

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 3 (continued)

the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Western RC&D Association.

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Bob Schroeder moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS most RC&D councils are struggling financially to provide services to local sponsors of RC&D measures and need a source of funds readily available to draw upon to carry out studies, evaluations, planning and other activities needed to implement measures; and

WHEREAS local RC&Ds and their sponsors are already contributing what they can to maintain and operate RC&D proposals within their areas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a request be forwarded to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service to make available from the construction portion of the RC&D budget to each active RC&D Council, \$15,000 annually for their use in carrying out RC&D measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds come from the RC&D funds now used to provide financial assistance and that the allocation of these funds be at the discretion of the State Conservationist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts forward this resolution, upon its approval, to the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Western RC&D Association.

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Bob Schroeder moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE: Lorents Grosfield, Chairman
Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS the public trust doctrine has been used in other states to affect prior established water rights; and

WHEREAS the public trust doctrine has already been introduced in Montana to deprive landowners of the ability to control access to portions of their land; and

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 1 (continued)

WHEREAS public trust doctrine advocates including several in the executive branch of Montana's government, are currently advocating the further use of the public trust doctrine in Montana to reconsider both past and future water allocation decisions and to back away from the prior appropriation water rights doctrine as we know it; and

WHEREAS even the Governor of our state has recently stated that he believes that we in Montana need to learn to share our water because "the old rules don't apply anymore"; and

WHEREAS agriculture is Montana's largest industry and is dependent on the prior appropriation water right doctrine; and

WHEREAS the heritage and history of most other Montana development is also based on the prior appropriation water rights doctrine.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts go on record in strong opposition to any use of the public trust doctrine to affect prior existing water rights as affirmed and protected by our Constitution; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts reaffirm its adherence to and support for the constitutionally guaranteed prior appropriation water rights doctrine and also reaffirm its opposition to any attempts to preempt or replace this doctrine in Montana water law.

Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS in the present preliminary stages of the water rights adjudication process in Montana, the Water Courts, under the supervision of the Supreme Court, are in general doing an effective and timely job of adjudicating Montana's water rights; and

WHEREAS "temporary preliminary" decrees and "preliminary" decrees by definition will require further refinement within the process as the adjudication progresses; and

WHEREAS demands by downstream states on Montana's waters can be expected to exceed instream flow rights in Montana as already guaranteed to those states; and

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 2 (continued)

WHEREAS accurate early indications of Montana's water claims and rights are in the best interests of forestalling downstream states' claims on our waters as well as of enabling the orderly development of additional water rights and water reservations within this state; and

WHEREAS the administration, through its Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, has sued the water rights adjudication system to achieve in-flow stream rates which action cannot help but confuse, stall and possibly threaten the process of determining constitutionally guaranteed water rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts continue to support the timely and progressive efforts of the Water Courts to complete the adjudication process within this decade or as soon thereafter as the Water Court deems practicable.

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Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS many conservation districts are facing the processing of up to 25 or more Natural Streambed & Land Preservation Act "310" applications for small mining activities per year in addition to all other types of applications; and

WHEREAS conservation district supervisors simply cannot leave nor should they be expected to leave their farms/ranches to inspect each and every small mining activity, many of which require lengthy trips into the hills and mountains; and

WHEREAS many conservation districts have very limited budgets (for mileage, paperwork, postage, etc.) with which to work; and

WHEREAS many conservation district supervisors do not have extensive expertise in mining activities; and

WHEREAS conservation district supervisors never agreed to or intended to become a "rubber stamp" for Fish, Wildlife & Parks' small mining recommendations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts will investigate alternatives for districts with large numbers of "310" applications for small mining activities.

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Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS Senate Bill 310 has been administered by the Conservation Districts very successfully for over 10 years, protecting our streambanks and lands; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 310 has kept local control through the supervisors who are elected by the people within each Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS required streambank protection is an occurrence one can seldom predict months in advance and generally cannot wait for lengthy paperwork and required long time periods; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Corp of Engineers have been mandated by Federal Law to protect our streams and lowlands by issuing 404 Permits which due to government red tape, lack of personnel, and lengthy required review and comment period is a very slow process most often requiring months; and

WHEREAS many 404 violations are not evident because of the duplicating and additional paperwork, expense and the impossible time requirement to secure a 404 permit; and

WHEREAS many meetings of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts and Corp of Engineers have been held developing a General Permit System and it has been announced at our last state convention to be ready "to go"; and

WHEREAS the main obstruction has been that the Federal State-wide General Permit procedure allows for a public notice period and the state's Senate Bill 310 process does not. However, it was felt this could have been negotiated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts proceed at once with every effort possible and secure a General Permit System with the U.S. Corp of Engineers for the protection of our streambanks and lands.

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Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution with a committee recommendation of do not pass. Motion seconded. Motion defeated. Resolution killed.

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Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution states: no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation; and

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 5 (continued)

WHEREAS the Montana Constitution in Article II, Section 17 states: no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; and

WHEREAS the Montana Constitution in Article IX, Section 3 confirms the prior appropriation doctrine by stating: all existing rights to the use of any waters for beneficial purpose are hereby recognized and confirmed; and

WHEREAS the Montana Legislature saw an urgency to inventory and adjudicate the existing water rights of Montana in order to protect and preserve such rights; and

WHEREAS certain interests have filed claims for Montana water for which they have no prior appropriations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts use its influence to preserve the constitutional rights to own property, specifically the use of water, and to be provided just compensation if private property is taken for public use.

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Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS Montana water use is being restructured and readjudicated; and

WHEREAS agriculture has a historic use of water dating back to the settling of Montana; and

WHEREAS Montana agriculture is in an economic slump and there is not available capital for water development and irrigation system restructuring.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts do everything possible to assure the protection and continuation of agriculture's appropriated, decreed, filed, and use, water rights as long as there is evidence that the owner of these rights does not want to abandon them.

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Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS Fish, Wildlife & Parks representatives and the Conservation District supervisors differ on the interpretations of the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975; and

WHEREAS the department does not realize the urgency and need of irrigation to safeguard life or property, including agriculture crops; and

WHEREAS it is the policy of the State of Montana to recognize the needs of irrigation and to protect the use of water for any useful or beneficial purpose.

THEREFORE let the law clearly read, a Senate Bill 310 permit is not required to maintain an existing diversion.

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Lorents Grosfield moved for adoption of this resolution with a committee recommendation of do not pass. Motion was seconded. Motion defeated. Resolution failed.

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Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS fourteen Conservation Districts in the Yellowstone River Basin are in the implementation phase of the water reservation process and the Montana Association of Conservation Districts has continually supported the reservation process in that basin; and

WHEREAS the forty-ninth legislature passed House Bill 680, part of which calls for a comprehensive water reservation proceeding in the Missouri River Basin and Conservation Districts within that basin have the opportunity to apply to reserve water for beneficial agricultural uses in that basin; and

WHEREAS applications to reserve water upstream of Canyon Ferry Dam are to be submitted by July 1, 1987, and applications to reserve water in the balance of the basin are due by July 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS water reservation applications will provide comprehensive, county-wide water development plans and help to protect some of Montana's water in an interstate allocation or other legal proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts go on record as continuing to support the agricultural water reservation development efforts in the Yellowstone River Basin and to support efforts to reserve water for agriculture in the Missouri River Basin; and

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 8 (continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts encourage the Conservation Districts above Canyon Ferry Dam to work with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in the water reservation proceeding this biennium even if they do not all wish to submit applications to reserve water.

Lorents Grosfield moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

RANGE, FORESTRY & PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE: Russ Unruh, Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS noxious weeds are an ever increasing problem throughout the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS noxious weeds are decreasing the production capability and the value of the land owned by the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS noxious weeds are spreading to private land from state land; and

WHEREAS the Montana Weed Law provides legislation to provide some funds to control the spread of noxious weeds on privately owned lands; and

WHEREAS the Montana Weed Law states in Section 7-22-2107: "It is unlawful for any person to permit any noxious weed to propagate or go to seed on his land, except that any person who adheres to the noxious weed management program of his district or who has entered into and is in compliance with a noxious weed management agreement is considered to be in compliance with this section."; and

WHEREAS this section will apply to all persons, individuals, partnerships, corporations, associations, or state and local government agency or subdivision owning, occupying, or controlling any land, easement, or right-of-way, including any county, state or federally owned and controlled highway, drainage or irrigation ditch, spoil bank, borrow pit, or right-of-way for canal or lateral.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts work with the Montana Weed Control Association and the Montana Department of State Lands in developing legislation to appropriate funds equal to 5% of the income received from timber sales, agricultural and grazing leases on lands owned

RANGE, FORESTRY & PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 1 (continued)

by the State of Montana and that such funds be appropriated for use each year for controlling noxious weeds as designated in the Montana Weed Law or by the County Commissioners in their respective counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be appropriated for use within each county in direct proportion to the acreage of state owned land based on need, as determined by the County Weed Board in consultation with the Department of State Lands.

Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS noxious weeds continue to be a serious problem throughout Montana; and

WHEREAS deer, antelope, game birds and other wildlife constantly move from one land ownership to another and are frequently responsible for transporting noxious weed seeds, resulting in new noxious weed infestations; and

WHEREAS the sports-person may unknowingly transport and distribute noxious weed seeds on their clothing or with a vehicle, resulting in new noxious weed infestations; and

WHEREAS the conscientious sports-person concerned with the environment would be willing to share the cost of controlling these noxious weed infestations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts work with the Montana Weed Control Association and the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department to devise a method of providing an amount equal to \$2 for each conservation license sold and that these funds be used for noxious weed control and that this fee be distributed to weed districts throughout the State of Montana for use at their discretion for controlling noxious weeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds be distributed to each county in direct proportion to the area within its boundaries.

Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

RANGE, FORESTRY & PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS the spread of noxious weeds in Montana has become a severe problem; and

WHEREAS particularly on the westside of the Continental Divide spotted knapweed has become out of control; and

WHEREAS state and federal agencies such as the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and State Lands have not controlled this noxious weed on public lands; and

WHEREAS spotted knapweed has only started to spread to the eastern side of the Divide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts seek adequate funding for the various agencies to control and eradicate knapweed, and for management and education of the public by the state and federal agencies with concentration on the eastern part of Montana.

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Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS noxious weed infestations annually cost landowners in Montana millions of dollars in lost income and control; and

WHEREAS chemical control alone has not stopped the spread of noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS biological control using insects has proven to be successful in slowing or stopping the spread of several weeds; and

WHEREAS biological control using fungus has shown promise in reducing knapweed, Canadian thistle and several other noxious weeds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts support the continuance of valuable biological weed management research and application programs in Montana.

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Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

RANGE, FORESTRY & PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS under the 1978 Range Management Improvement Act grazing advisory boards were re-established to act in an advisory capacity to federal government agencies controlling federal lands; and

WHEREAS said advisory board have been a positive force in providing the federal agencies with input and information which helps manage public lands in a healthy public use environment; and

WHEREAS the existence of said grazing advisory boards will expire on December 31, 1985.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts support legislation to continue the existence of the Grazing Advisory Board.

Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS there has been increased publicity asserting that the grazing of livestock in riparian areas has an adverse effect; and

WHEREAS livestock grazing in riparian areas is not truly harmful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts oppose any action or legislation seeking to stop or regulate livestock grazing in riparian areas.

Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion second and carried.

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS the grazing fee structure used by the Bureau of Land Management is being re-evaluated; and

WHEREAS this fee structure uses the cost of production of raising livestock and prices received for the finished product as a basis for determining the annual grazing fee; and

RANGE, FORESTRY & PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 7 (continued)

WHEREAS using this fee structure represents a fair valuation of the federal grazing land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts urge the Congress and Federal Land Agencies to continue using the present grazing fee structure.

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Russ Unruh moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Herb Karst, Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS much of the irrigation in the Lower Yellowstone Valley will require substantial lift of this water from the Yellowstone River; and

WHEREAS the costs of energy to accomplish this lift for all irrigation have risen dramatically and will continue to rise; and

WHEREAS the cost of energy has become an economic burden to operators in the area; and

WHEREAS fourteen conservation districts have reserved water for the development of this irrigation; and

WHEREAS the district is charged with administration of this water; and

WHEREAS the districts are further charged with due diligence in putting this water to use by the year 2007; and

WHEREAS the districts' diligence in this matter will be reviewed by the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation every ten years and the Board has the authority to revoke this reservation; and

WHEREAS the federal government reserved the use of power in Montana at reduced rates through the Pick Sloan program for irrigation use and only a small portion of that power has ever been provided; and

WHEREAS Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) wheels its firm power (8 mil/kwh) to both public and private utilities presently for non irrigation use.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 1 (continued)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts support all efforts to obtain power at WAPA's firm power rate from the federal government through the Pick Sloan program for use on existing and proposed projects in the Lower Yellowstone Basin and work toward the implementation of these efforts.

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Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS the Montana Senate and House of Representatives have passed House Joint Resolution Number Five (urging examination of the Pick-Sloan Program to develop methods of financing comprehensive bank stabilization along the Missouri, Yellowstone, and Bighorn rivers in Montana through joint, federal, state and local cooperation and implementation of a federal bank stabilization program); and

WHEREAS the conservation districts have the responsibility to administer "The Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975" which provides for protection of streambanks in Montana as described in MCA 75-7-102; and

WHEREAS the cost of streambank stabilization is often financially burdensome to an individual landowner; and

WHEREAS the conservation districts do not have the funds to provide financial assistance to all individual landowners for streambank stabilization; and

WHEREAS streambank stabilization is a problem in the aforementioned streams and many other streams in the state that must be addressed as soon as possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts support Montana Legislative House Joint Resolution Number five and urge them to expand it to include other annual perennial flowing streams in the state.

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Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS water is the life blood for the 200 mile long Milk River Valley and the source of hay for additional farmers and ranchers not in the valley; and

WHEREAS there is presently a shortage of water and has been for many years which could be compounded if the Canadians and Indian tribes take part of the supply which they are legally entitled to; and

WHEREAS there is an adequate supply in the Missouri and Tiber reservoir to meet the needs of irrigators, wildlife refuges, Indian tribes and towns in the area; and

WHEREAS there is considerable concern among landowners along the transfer route regarding seepage, weed control, crossings, ample compensation for right of way and creek bank erosion which are also concerns of all Conservation District people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts support this project provided the above mentioned concerns are properly dealt with.

Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS during the last legislative session, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and other interested stream access agencies, without consulting Montana's Conservation Districts, drafted, proposed and supported legislation (HB 265) that gave Montana's Conservation Districts controversial new responsibilities that are not even primarily conservation oriented; and

WHEREAS the Montana Association of Conservation Districts, through its directors opposed its proposed role in this legislation from the first time they were made aware of it; and

WHEREAS the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and other interested stream access agencies nevertheless continued to support said legislation and to oppose any changes in it that would modify the proposed role for Conservation Districts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts formally express its dissatisfaction to the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and other interested stream access agencies and the Governor over this kind of uncooperative and unilateral action and strongly request that

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 4 (continued)

any legislation the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and other interested stream access agencies or other state Department wish to support that involve Conservation Districts be first cleared with and approved by MACD.

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Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS the spread of noxious weeds, particularly spotted knapweed, is presenting a serious economic threat to agriculture, wildlife, and recreation in the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS the Montana Association of Conservation Districts has recognized noxious weed control as its top priority; and

WHEREAS the 49th Legislative Session addressed the weed problem by funding numerous grassroots weed control projects through the Legacy Fund program, as well as, provided additional funding to weed control programs through a Noxious Weed Management Trust Fund financed by a surcharge on retail sales of herbicides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts commend the 49th Montana Legislature for its action and urge that body to continue its support of this critical resource problem.

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Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS the 1985 Montana Legislature passed House Bill 911 providing specific requirements for posting of land for the purpose of criminal trespass; and

WHEREAS the Act extends the privilege to enter and remain upon land if the landowner or other authorized person fails to post notice denying entry on private land; and

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 6 (continued)

WHEREAS the Act provides notice denying entry must be placed on a post, structure, or natural object by marking it with written notice or with not less than 50 square inches of flourescent orange paint; and

WHEREAS we as United States citizens highly value the right to own property and to control the use of such private property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1987 Montana Legislature be urged to amend the 1985 Trespass Law to place the burden of requesting permission to use private lands on those seeking the privilege to use such lands, rather than placing the burden to deny access on the landowner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that landowners desiring to post notice denying access may continue to do so by written notice or with 50 square inches of flourescent orange paint. Such posting may be desirable in areas where private and public lands border each other.

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Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS the Plant Materials Center provides a valuable service to the Conservation Districts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Districts continue to pay their annual \$25 dues to the Plant Materials Center to aid in the payment of operating and research expenses.

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Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Motion passed in Committee that the Association consider putting up a booth at both the Montana Agricultural Industrial Exhibit (M.A.G.I.E.) and Montana Agricultural Trade Exhibit (M.A.T.E.) show this winter.

Herb Karst moved for the adoption of this committee's motion. Motion seconded and passed.

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YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Bob Irvine, Acting Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS more participation is desired in Soil Conservation District speaking contests; and

WHEREAS the annual speech contest topic and title are selected at the State Convention; and

WHEREAS many FFA members participate in FFA speaking contests; and

WHEREAS many FFA members choose their speech topics in December and January.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the topic for the Speech Contest be sent out immediately after the State Convention to give the contestants a longer period of time to prepare their speeches.

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Bob Irvine moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) has sponsored a conservation speech contest for many years; and

WHEREAS participation by students has been drastically reduced; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to improve education and awareness of conservation problems and conservation districts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts review and implement other programs which may further these interests among high school students.

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Bob Irvine moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS despite tremendous advances in technology, degradation of our soil and water resources from wind and water erosion, weed encroachment, pollution, overgrazing, urbanization, etc. is increasing at an alarming rate; and

YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS the spread of knowledge and awareness of conservation issues throughout our rapidly growing population has not kept pace with the development of technology available to protect our natural resources; and

WHEREAS the technology for a conservation economy is available but education is the only way to convince people to work towards it. Conservation Districts can play a key role in bringing the conservation story to the people; and

WHEREAS active conservation education throughout our schools has the potential to reach a broad segment of the population of Montana; and

WHEREAS computers have the potential to be very effective tools for teaching soil and water conservation because students like to use them. Also, Montana has one of the better student-computer ratios in the nation; and

WHEREAS the problem of programming for the development of computer software may be solved by having graduate students or teachers do the programming, to cut down on expense. Also, content could be supplied by a steering committee made up of soil scientists, professors, etc; and

WHEREAS this resolution was passed and supported by MACD last year, but was not completed due to lack of funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts will continue to support and encourage the development of computer software for teaching soil and water conservation and see this project through.

Bob Irvine moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS the state Montana Association of Conservation Districts' speech contest is open to all Montana High School students each year; and

WHEREAS college scholarships are awarded; and

WHEREAS this is an excellent learning experience and opportunity; and

YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 4 (continued)

WHEREAS the past participation in the district, area and state contests has continued to lessen; and

WHEREAS many teachers have expressed that students don't want to participate due to the low incentive.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that alternative contests should be considered. For example, having an essay contest and each year selecting a different topic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scholarship be increased substantially to provide more participation. The material should, also, be given at the beginning of the school year with the deadline date being April 15th. The district winner will be selected in May before the end of the school year, the area winner will be selected at the area meeting and the state winner will be selected at the state convention.

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Bob Irvine moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded. Motion failed. Resolution killed.

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Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS an objective of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts is for public education; and

WHEREAS the Montana Association of Conservation Districts has supported education in the schools in order that young people can be better informed of the environment around them and how to care for it; and

WHEREAS more communication, cooperation and understanding is needed in our society among rural and urban people; and

WHEREAS a program called "ag in Montana Schools" has been instituted since 1982.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts continue to support the program by paying membership dues of \$100 and participating as a member of the AMS program for one more year.

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Bob Irvine moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS the Montana Association of Conservation Districts passed a resolution at the 1984 annual meeting to encourage the development of a summer conservation workshop for teachers; and

WHEREAS the project is not completed yet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts will continue to encourage the development of a summer conservation workshop for teachers.

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Bob Irvine moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Proposal

Lincoln Conservation District would like to propose that a photography contest be held in each area with the host district of the area meeting coordinating the contest.

After the winning photos are selected during each area meeting, these photos then would be submitted during the MACD State Convention to select a grand prize winner for the state.

The cost of the area prizes could be donated by each district in the area. The cost for the grand prize state winner could be donated by MACD, DNRC, DFWP and SCS.

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Bob Irvine moved to accept this proposal. Motion seconded and carried.

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SPEECH TOPICS FOR 1986

- 1) Agricultural Chemical Use and Abuse;
- 2) Conservation Education, Its significance for our Nation;
- 3) Water and its chemical pollutants.

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Bob Irvine moved to accept the speech topics, allowing the students to pick one of the three. Motion seconded and carried.

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE: Dale Marxer, Acting Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS Conservation Districts are concerned about the possible contamination of groundwater resulting from faulty brine injection well equipment; and

WHEREAS 50 percent of all Americans depend on groundwater for their drinking; and

WHEREAS current laws do not adequately protect groundwater; and

WHEREAS a groundwater protection policy will cost less than contamination clean-up; and

WHEREAS groundwater is a nonrenewable resource and once it becomes contaminated it will remain contaminated for years to come.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the operator of each brine injection well must report injection volumes and pressures monthly and be required to submit to a mechanical integrity check at least once every five years which shall be monitored by the Water Quality Bureau to insure compliance with the National Safe Drinking Water Act.

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Dale Marxer moved for the adoption of this resolution with a committee recommendation of do not pass. Motion was seconded. Motion failed. Resolution killed.

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS saline seep is recognized as a serious resource problem in Montana; and

WHEREAS funding has been received through the 1985 state legislature to form the Montana Salinity Control Association consisting of the Triangle Conservation District, the Northeast Montana Saline Seep Association, and the Southern Saline Seep District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts recognize and support an expanded salinity control program in Montana.

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Dale Marxer moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS soil surveys are a necessary tool in planning the use and management of land and water resources; and

WHEREAS soil surveys are used by farmers, ranchers, conservationists, developers, city, county, state, and federal agencies personnel, builders and others; and

WHEREAS soil surveys information is necessary for proper planning, for conservation tillage, irrigation water management, development projects, and water reservation applications; and

WHEREAS soil surveys are necessary in the conservation districts efforts to carry out programs to battle wind and water erosion, sod busting, and saline seep; and

WHEREAS soil surveys are important to assist in resolving the water rights issue in Montana; and

WHEREAS at present only fifty-five to sixty percent of the state has completed soil surveys; and

WHEREAS at present funding levels it will take beyond the year 2015 to have completed soil surveys for all of Montana.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts make one of their major efforts in the ensuing year the development and promotion of a funding proposal seeking funds from the 1987 Montana Legislature to accelerate the soil survey program in Montana.

Dale Marxer moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS Conservation Districts and the Montana Land and Mineral Owners Association are concerned about the general contamination of groundwater resulting from faulty brine injection well equipment; and

WHEREAS 50 percent of all Americans depend on groundwater for their drinking; and

WHEREAS current laws do not adequately protect groundwater; and

WHEREAS a groundwater protection policy will cost less than contamination clean up; and

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 4 (continued)

WHEREAS groundwater is a non-renewable resource and once it becomes contaminated it will remain contaminated for years to come.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the operator of each brine injection well must report injection volumes and pressures monthly and be required to submit to a mechanical integrity check at least once a year which shall be monitored by the Water Quality Bureau to insure compliance with the National Safe Drinking Water Act.

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Dale Marxer moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS Conservation Districts through their local level Soil Conservation Service (SCS) field offices are obligated to compile data annually that shows by various farming practices the number of acres under conservation tillage; and

WHEREAS Conservation Districts are supportive of the National Conservation Tillage Information Center (CTIC); and

WHEREAS information submitted to this center is only valuable and helpful if it is accurate and current, but to date much has been submitted by guesswork.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts request consideration of an agreement between the State SCS Conservationist and the ASCS Director for all Montana SCS field offices to acquire the required conservation tillage information from their local ASCS county offices. Further, this agreement would require data being obtained from producers at time of annual ASCS certification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since ASCS is starting to put all of the operators farm and ranch data into computers, that a line item be allowed for conservation tillage annual update data in the computer, thus allowing ASCS personnel to punch in this information starting in the 1986 certification year, and thus making information by various conservation tillage farming and crop categories available to the SCS and Conservation Districts in time to meet their annual CTIC report due date of November of each year.

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Dale Marxer moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: Jack Perkins, Chairman

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS in 1964, Montana had three counties that had rabies; in 1973, rabies had spread to twelve counties; by 1985, rabies had spread to thirty-three counties; and

WHEREAS human exposure to rabies have reached an alarming number of approximately 130; and

WHEREAS rabid skunks are: 1) a public hazard; 2) a threat to livestock; 3) creates enormous financial burden on an already stressed economy; and 4) creates unneeded emotion stress on the rural population.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts go on record supporting the re-instatement of the Section #18, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, for the control of rabies, under the supervision and regulations of the Montana Department of Livestock

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Jack Perkins moved for the adoption of this resolution as amended. Motion seconded and carried.

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Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS big game animals, primarily deer, elk, sheep and antelope, have reached epidemic numbers; and

WHEREAS the damages are causing tremendous losses to agriculture crops; and

WHEREAS a majority of wildlife habitat is owned by private landowners; and

WHEREAS private landowners do not have any say in the harvesting of big game animals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts go on record in recommending the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks establish a program to reimburse farmers and ranchers for crop damage caused by big game animals to those landowners who allow public hunting on their property.

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Jack Perkins moved for the adoption of this resolution with a committee recommendation of do not pass. Motion was seconded. Motion failed. Resolution killed.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS in areas of large elk population cow permits are issued for control; and

WHEREAS many hunters use cow elk permits to be assured of taking an elk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Conservation Districts recommend that any hunter receiving a cow permit be required to take a cow only.

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Jack Perkins moved for the adoption of this resolution. Motion seconded and carried.

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There being no further business, President Ron Jackson thanked all of those who participated in the convention and adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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1985 SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

First: Lonna Wold, Red Lodge
Second: John Elmore, Ekalaka
Third: Liesl Holtz, Fairfield

GOODYEAR AWARDS PROGRAM

First: Dawson County Conservation District
Second: Teton County Conservation District
Honor District: Upper Musselshell Conservation District

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

First: Cascade County CD
Second: Sheridan County CD
Third: Phillips Conservation District
Honorable Mention: Big Sandy CD & Glacier County CD

ALLIS CHALMERS "Teacher of the Year"

Harold Knapp, Missoula

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Steven Meyer

SUPERVISOR AWARDS - 1985

10 Years

Bill Uffelman, Big Horn CD
Steve Vogt, Bitterroot CD
Herb Pasha, Chouteau County CD
Henry Nagamori, Chouteau County CD
Francis Van Rinsum, Flathead CD
Bob Lane, Gallatin CD
Jim Whiteside, Garfield County CD
Dave LaValley, Liberty County CD
Wilbert Schweigert, Little Beaver CD
Shirley Parrott, Lower Musselshell CD
Robert Schroeder, Missoula CD
Don Whitaker, Phillips CD
Joe Broesder, Pondera County CD
Dennis E. Kenney, Rosebud CD
John Anderson, Ruby Valley CD
John Green, Sweet Grass County CD
Robert DeCock, Treasure County CD
Rick Johnson, Treasure County CD
Robert Criswell, Treasure County CD
Myles Van Hemelryck, Treasure County CD

15 Years

Lyle Tauck, Carter County CD
Gerald Elpel, Dawson County CD
Jim Tomlinson, Deer Lodge Valley CD
Edward J. Hollenback, Mineral County CD
Jim Bolstad, Sheridan County CD
Herb Karst, Toole County CD
Al Begger, Wibaux CD
Leon Thrams, Wibaux CD

20 Years

Maynard Loge, Mineral County CD
Lester Nickels, Valley County CD

25 Years

Roland Mosher, Lewis & Clark CD
Reinhold Straub, Little Beaver CD
Harold Jensen, Little Beaver CD
Ronald Jackson, Meagher County CD
Wendell Copenhaver, North Powell CD
Mort Lott, Ruby Valley CD

30 Years

John Schutter, Gallatin CD
John Metcalf, Judith Basin CD

35 Years

Art Christensen, Beaverhead CD
Emmett Blomquist, Beaverhead CD

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE AWARDS

10 Years

Joy Fulton, Cascade County CD
Cathy M. Jones, Flathead CD
Bev Walker, Pondera County CD

15 Years

Celeste Schwend, Carbon County CD
Mary Tymofichuk, Daniels County CD
Jean St. Cyr, Richland County CD
Alice M. Eide, Valley County CD

25 Years

Ruth Roos, Prairie County CD

CONVENTION REPORT

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1986

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF MONTANA, INC.
AND
WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, INC.

PLANT MATERIALS CENTER
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

Lewistown, Montana
November 3, 1985

The regular semiannual meeting of the Montana-Wyoming Plant Materials Center Board of Managers was held at the Yogo Inn, Lewistown, Montana, on November 3, 1985. John Vanisko, Chairman presided. Board of Managers present: John Vanisko, Deer Lodge; Jim Yedlicka, Fromberg; Ron Jackson, White Sulphur Springs; and Forrest Allen, Cody, Wyoming. Others present: Glen Loomis and Bob Lohmiller, SCS; Gladys Hippe, Treasurer; Dave Donaldson, MACD; John Scheetz, PMC Manager and various Montana Conservation District Supervisors.

Jim Yedlicka moved that \$1,000.00 be returned to the Montana Association of Conservation Districts with an equivalent amount, based on the 60%-40% split, to be returned to the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts. Forrest Allen seconded the motion and it was passed.

John Scheetz reported that the SCS engineer from Billings was scheduled to complete the design on the waterway and culvert under the county road on November 5, 1985. Scheetz presented a bid for fencing material obtained from Kapor Lumber of Bridger.

Yedlicka will check on prices of railroad ties for brace posts. He reported that the adjacent landowners had agreed to build the fences if the Board of Managers provided the material. Ron Jackson moved that the bid for fence material from Kapor Lumber be accepted. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed.

A discussion was held on having a contract with the adjacent landowners in regard to the rebuilding of fences. Items that could be included are: 1) completion date, 2) specification for fences, 3) who is responsible for material and labor, and 4) a possible penalty for late completion. Jackson moved that Yedlicka serve as the contracting officer for this project. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed.

Glen Loomis reviewed the proposed Addendum #15 to the cooperative agreement between SWCDMI and SCS. Ron moved and Jim seconded that the addendum be accepted. Motion carried.

Bob Lohmiller reported that there was work remaining on the landscape plan. Jim moved that \$500.00 be allocated towards the completion of the landscape plan. Ron seconded the motion and it passed.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF MONTANA, INC.
PLANT MATERIAL CENTER
November 3, 1985 (continued)

Lohmiller reported that the bulletin on seed production should be back from the printer in the near future.

Scheetz reported on the term of office for the various board members.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, July 10, 1986, at the Plant Materials Center.

John G. Scheetz
Recording Secretary

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A Commitment to the Future of Montana

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